

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – REGULAR MEETING

D. Ferd Swaney – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Silent Meditation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call

II. PUBLIC FORUM

- Recognize Brooke Zooner, Grade 11 for 3rd place award in Ligonier Valley Writers' Contest; Kim Swaney, Instructor

III. SECRETARIAL

- A. Enter into executive session, if needed.
- B. An Executive Session was held on Monday, May 13, 2024 from 7:27 pm to 8:29 pm for personnel, student confidentiality and real estate.
- C. Adopt agenda as presented.
- D. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 17, 2024.

IV. FINANCIAL

- A. Accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for April 2024 and preliminary financial statements as presented.
- B. Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for May 2024:
 1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$3,181,085.11
 2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$303,760.11
 3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$100,981.46
- C. Accept activity accounts as presented by building principals.
- D. Grant permission to pay the following bills through Capital Projects:
 1. A-1 Electric, Inc. \$16,065.00 for services rendered in the secure vestibule electric phase, payment Application no. 3
- E. Approve the Proposed Final 2024-2025 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$63,051,719.00 subject to change upon final passage.
- F. Grant permission to purchase Workers Compensation with Caputo Insurance Agency as broker of record, provided the policy is written by Synergy; at a premium of \$124,383.00 and an additional fee of \$24,000.00 for safety loss.
- G. Grant permission to purchase Insurance Package (Property, Liability, Auto, Inland Marine, Crime, School Leaders E&O, and Umbrella coverage) with Utica Insurance Company through Caputo Insurance Agency at a premium of \$198,476.65 which includes a \$1,000,000.00 Cyber Liability Limit with Obsidian Specialty.
- H. Grant permission to purchase Workers Compensation with Baily Insurance Agency as broker of record, provided the policy is written by Encova Insurance; at a premium of \$104,818.00 and an additional fee of \$17,600.00 for risk management.
- I. Grant permission to purchase Insurance Package (Property, Liability, Auto, Inland Marine, Crime, School Leaders E&O, and Umbrella coverage) with CM Regent through Baily Insurance Agency at a premium of \$178,302.00 which includes a \$1,000,000.00 Cyber Liability Limit with Tokio Marine/Houston Casualty Company, plus a fee in lieu of commissions totaling \$23,855.00.

- J. Grant permission to purchase and install hot water storage tank from Lee's Plumbing and Excavating, Inc. at a cost of \$13,690.00 for D Ferd Swaney.
- K. Award sealing coating bid for AL Wilson and Central Office lots to JR Seal Coating at a cost of \$13,177.00.
- L. Approve purchase of Dewalt press tool for district plumbing projects in the amount of \$3,299.00.

V. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- A. Approve third reading of Policy 237 –Responsible use of Technology.
- B. Approve third reading of Policy 217 – Graduation Requirements.
- C. Approve third reading of Policy 241- Dual Enrollment/Concurrent Enrollment.
- D. Approve third reading of Policy 202.1 – Non-resident attendance/enrollment.
- E. Approve third reading of Policy 903 – Public Participation/Comment in Board Meetings.
- F. Approve second reading of Policy 249 – Cyber Bullying.
- G. Approve second reading of Policy 249.1 – Bullying/Cyberbullying.
- H. Approve the 2024 Graduation List as presented.
- I. Approve the 2024-25 High School Course additions as presented.
- J. Accept the proposal in the amount of \$3,200.00 to purchase student licenses through Career Safe for a 10 hour OSHA certification program.
- K. Approve the purchase of the K-5 Wit & Wisdom Reading Series at a cost of \$490,000 to be paid using ARP ESSER and district funds.
- L. Motion to approve the continuation of Science of Reading Project as stated in the RFP to MGT Step By Step Learning for the 2024-25 school year contingent on allocation of Title I funding.
- M. Motion to approve Special Education Consulting Services as stated in the RFP to MGT Step by Step Learning for the 2024-2025 school year.

VII. PERSONNEL

- A. Accept the resignation of Kayla Grimm, Elementary Instructor effective end of the 2023-24 school term.
- B. Award Katelyn Berkshire a leave of absence the first day of the 2024-25 School Term until October 7, 2024.
- C. Motion to reconsider and amend the following Motion adopted at the Board's legislative meeting held April 17, 2024 to state as follows:
Grant permission for Administration to hire five (5) Elementary Intervention Teachers for the 2024-25 school year, to a maximum placement of Step 3 of the teacher's salary schedule, with credit commensurate with prior teaching experience up to three (3) years, with the hiring to be ratified by the Board at a subsequent meeting. Teachers to be placed by the Superintendent.
- D. Approve the appointment of Justin Keller as Technology Coordinator/Network Systems Technician for a five (5) year term to commence June 1, 2024 pursuant to contract.
- E. Approve the appointment of Amanda Leichter as Assistant to the Technology Coordinator for a five (5) year term to commence June 1, 2024 pursuant to contract.
- F. Approve the appointment of Ryan Grimm as Technology Integration Specialist for a five (5) year term to commence June 1, 2024 pursuant to contract.
- G. Hire Theodore Gibbs as full-time custodian at AL Wilson Elementary.
- H. Appoint Tom Guthrie as the Albert Gallatin Area School District JROTC Senior Army Instructor for the term commencing August 1, 2024 and terminating midnight, June 30, 2025 pursuant to employment contract as presented. Compensation shall be equal to the Minimum Instructor pay as from time to time established by the United States Army. Tom Guthrie shall be employed the appropriate number of days as required by the U.S. Army for salary and reimbursement purposes.

- I. Hire Linda Nick as Certified School Nurse at Step 1, Temporary Professional Employee commencing the first work day of the 2024-25 school term.
- J. Hire Ricki Foster as 4 hour cafeteria employee at the High School effective May 7, 2024.
- K. Award the following positions for the 2024-25 School Year:
 - 1. Grade 2 at AL Wilson – Michelle Myers
 - 2. Grade 5 at AL Wilson - 1 year only – Sarah Rockwell
 - 3. Grade 1 at George J. Plava – Rachael Sunyak
 - 4. Grade 2 at George J. Plava – 1 year only – Makayla Munchinski
 - 5. Grade 5 at George J. Plava – 1 year only – Christina George
 - 6. Certified School Nurse – Jennifer Lilley
 - 7. Emotional Support at George Plava – Lauren Smochinsky
 - 8. Grade 2 at Friendship Hill – Dorothy Holbert
 - 9. Grade 4 at Masontown Elementary – Christine Spaw Moats
 - 10. Grade 3 at AL Wilson Elementary – Jennifer Sroka
- L. Award the following High School extra-curricular activity sponsors for the 2024-25 school year:
 - 1. Art Club – Kristen Venturino
 - 2. Interact Club – Amanda Martin
 - 3. Academic League – Genna Naymick
 - 4. Math Team – Julia Pillar
 - 5. Mock Trial/Debate Team – Rebecca Taylor
 - 6. SADD – Alison Perry
 - 7. Future Business Leaders of America – Karla Lent
 - 8. Future Educators – AnneMarie Koss
 - 9. Honor Society – co-sponsors Alison Perry & Elizabeth Mulac with shared contractual stipend
 - 10. Yearbook – Taylor Saghy
 - 11. Student Council (2) – Christy Wolfe and Joyce Umble
 - 12. Book Club – Taylor Saghy
 - 13. NAACP – Tom Colebank
 - 14. Freshman/Sophomore Activities–co-sponsors Alison Perry & Elizabeth Mulac with shared contractual stipend
 - 15. Junior/Senior Activities - co-sponsors Christy Wolfe & Joyce Umble with shared contractual stipend
 - 16. Envirothon Club – James Comunale
 - 17. Drama (2) (plays) – Rebecca Taylor and Megan Cerullo
 - 18. Musical (as per Board budget) – Rebecca Taylor
 - 19. Band Director – Charles Durso
 - 20. Assistant Band Director – Charles Gibson
 - 21. Vocal Musical Director – Gail Diamond
 - 22. Auxiliary Band Choreographer – Amber Hildock
 - 23. Choral Pep Club – Gail Diamond
 - 24. Percussion Instructor – Dylan Dubois
- M. Award the following High School Department Heads for the 2024-25 school year:
 - 1. Math – Cindy Kopas
 - 2. Science – Bethany Herman
 - 3. Social Studies –Jeff Kopas
 - 4. English – Amanda Martin
 - 5. Electives/Specialists – Ken Musko
- N. Award the following Middle School extra-curricular activity sponsors for the 2024-25 school year:
 - 1. Student Council – AG South – Andrew Hostetler; AG North co-sponsor Megan Hadenak & Taylor Bella
 - 2. Newspaper Sponsors – AG South – Andrew Hostetler; AG North Kate Armstrong

3. Yearbook Sponsor – AG North – Jeri Turner
 4. Band Director - Mary Kendall
 5. Vocal Music Director – Gail Diamond
 6. Elementary Band Director - Brandon Gift, Megan Cerullo, Jeremy Kendall
- O. Award the following Head Teachers for the 2024-25 school year:
1. AG North Middle School - Tiffany Duncan
 2. AG South Middle School – Brooke Patterson
 3. AL Wilson Elementary – Stacey Peton-Tenny
 4. Friendship Hill Elementary – Tammy Bricker
 5. Smithfield Elementary – Christine Robinson
 6. George J. Plava Elementary – Jamie Kamp
 7. Masontown Elementary – Heather Hartley
- P. Hire/rehire the following middle school coaches for the Fall season, pending receipt of all proper documents.
1. Head Football – Mark Dunham
 2. Head Co-Ed Soccer – Thomas VanCamp
 3. Head Cheerleading – Jamie Tanner
 4. Head Softball – Makayla Munchinski
 5. Assistant Softball – Annalia Paoli
 6. Assistant Football – Jason Rosner, Mike Etheridge
 7. Assistant Co-Ed Soccer – Matthew (Shea) Fleenor
- Q. Hire Spencer Macke as Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach for one season, pending receipt of all proper documents.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Grant permission to add the following to the substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents.
Professional: Alexander Bilohlavek Non-Professional: Donald Metz
- B. Authorize Penn West University student teachers to be placed by the elementary supervisor:
August, 2024 – December, 2024: Coleman Hunt, Valen Lilley, Vanessa Toth
- C. Approve the following Intermediate Unit 1 Agreements for the 2024-25 school year:
 1. Access Reimbursement Service Agreement-Administrative Support
 2. Access Reimbursement Services Agreement-IU1 Based Staff
 3. Educational Services Agreement
 4. Partial Hospitalization Program Services Agreement
 5. Curriculum Services Agreement, ESL Services
- D. Approve the Agreement for Establishment and Operation of a Satellite Program with the Fayette CTI as presented.
- E. Grant permission to solicit bids for upgrades to Sewage Plant.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.
- B. Motion to adjourn.